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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
1 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 In re: TERRORIST ATTACKS ON
3 SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 03 MDL 1570 (GBD)

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New York, N.Y.
October 28, 2010
11:00 a.m.

7 Before:

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Magistrate Judge

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1 that the U.S. and Saudi entities are alter egos of one
2 another -- it seems to me that that is correct based on each of
3 the factors that was discussed during oral argument -- it seems
4 to me that essentially the Saudi entity controlled in many
5 respects the U.S. entity and that the two were
6 indistinguishable from one another, which gives rise to a duty
7 to produce.

8 Turning to the specific discovery requests, there are
9 document requests and there are interrogatories, none of which
10 were discussed when the motion was orally argued but which
11 certainly are fully briefed in the letter submissions that were
12 made to me.

13 As to the interrogatories, I agree with the defendants
14 that they violated the prior arrangements concerning the number
15 of acceptable interrogatories and did so without prior
16 permission of the Court. So as to interrogatories, I'm going
17 to sustain the objection and not compel further answers.

18 On the other hand, as to the document requests, it
19 seems to me essentially what I was given was only boilerplate
20 assertions of burdensomeness. To the extent that the
21 objections were on that ground, I'm going to overrule those
22 objections. I am therefore going to direct the U.S. foundation
23 to produce the documents requested by the plaintiffs which are
24 in its possession, custody, or control. And notwithstanding
25 the complications that were outlined in the defendants' papers,

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1 I'm going to make the same direction as to the Saudi
2 foundation.

3 I agree with the plaintiffs that there has been no
4 adequate showing that the Saudi entity has sought to obtain the
5 documents but cannot. There was an affidavit or declaration
6 from Mr. Nelson and also from the second individual, Mr.
7 al-Buti. But the two of them together, it seems to me, does
8 not amount to an adequate showing that the Saudi foundation,
9 even in the circumstance that persists today, necessarily
10 cannot obtain documents.

11 Having directed both the U.S. and the Saudi entities
12 to produce documents, I recognize that that may not open the
13 floodgates in terms of document production, and I intend to
14 leave for another day what the consequences of any
15 nonproduction by either of those two defendants will be.

16 That is my ruling with respect to the letter
17 application concerning Al Haramain. Any questions?

18 Anything further we ought to take up today?

19 MR. CARTER: I don't think so, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Good. Thank you for coming in.

21 (Adjourned)
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